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Wildcat Fire update

Fredonia, Ariz., June 21, 2016 — For Immediate Release. The 1,502-acre Wildcat Fire on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest is 70 percent contained, with no additional fire growth anticipated.

Start date: June 13, 2016

Location: South of Highway 89A, southwest of forest roads 8910 and 211, within the vicinity of Saddle Mountain Wilderness

Size: Approximately 1,502 acres

Percent contained: 70%

Cause: Lightning

Resources assigned: 238 personnel, which includes engine crews, hand crews, air support and water tenders

Management strategy: Full suppression

Summary: There has been no growth on the Wildcat Fire for several days. Crews have successfully mopped up 100 feet in from the fire edge along 70 percent of the fire. In the wilderness, hand crews have extinguished hot spots while implementing Minimal Impact Suppression Tactics. Infrared photography shows little heat, and no spot fires have been found across the fire's edge in days. Responsibility for management of the Wildcat Fire passed from Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4 back to the Kaibab National Forest this morning. A smaller fire organization will patrol and mop up the fire until it is 100 percent contained.

As a reminder, both the North and South Canyon trails are temporarily closed in order to provide for public and firefighter safety. Public notifications will be released once the closure is rescinded. The North Canyon Trail closure starts at Forest Road 631 and extends to the intersection of the Arizona Trail on the west side, approximately three-quarters of a mile from FR 611. The South Canyon Trail closure starts at FR 211 and extends to the west side trailhead near the junction of FR 610 and FR 2599.

Stage 1 fire restrictions are in effect throughout the Kaibab National Forest. To learn more about fire restrictions in Arizona, visit www.firerestrictions.us/az. Forest visitors may also call the Kaibab National Forest fire information phone line at (928) 635-8311 for current conditions. Notification of wildfires may be customized to individual areas of interest and sent real-time via text or email at WildfiresNearMe. This free subscription service is available at www.wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com.

This will be the final update on the Wildcat Fire unless conditions change. All Wildcat Fire information is available through InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4782/>.

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